

Recommendation (13).

That the following Hospitals be recognised as Training Schools which in combination with other Public Hospitals give complete training under Section I (2) of the Scheme of Training—

General—Buchanan Hospital, St. Leonards-on-Sea. (Affiliated to London Homœopathic Hospital.)

Poor Law—Bath Union (Frome Road House). (Affiliated to Bristol Union.) Steyning Union. (Affiliated to Kensington Infirmary.)

CONSIDERED—Further list of Sick Children's Hospitals whose authorities have replied to enquiries instituted by the Council.

Recommendation (14).

That the following hospitals be recognised as complete Training Schools for Sick Children's Nurses—

Queen Mary's Hospital for Children, Carshalton (Metropolitan Asylums Board).

Booth Hall Infirmary, Manchester Union.

CONSIDERED—Further list of Fever Hospitals whose authorities have replied to enquiries instituted by the Council.

Recommendation (15).

That the following hospital be recognised as a complete Training School for Fever Nurses—
The Sanatorium, Cardiff.

Discussion.

In reference to Recommendation 11, MISS WIESE said she considered the fees rather exorbitant. She would like to know whether they were estimated to cover the cost of the examinations only, or to be a source of income to the Council.

MISS ALSOP and MISS E. SMITH thought they were higher than nurses would be likely to pay, and MISS COWLIN thought them rather high.

SIR JENNER VERRALL said that the financial point was the one in which he was interested. He was more or less, in conjunction with the Council, in charge of the finances, and he could not be a party to any fee which would not cover the cost of the Examinations.

MR. R. DONALDSON said that he was one of those members who objected to the fees proposed in Committee and quoted the fee charged by the Medico-Psychological Association. Since then he had been in correspondence with the Secretary of that Association and had ascertained that the fee charged in no way represented the cost of the examination. He thought they ought to be on safe ground.

DR. GOODALL said that the Committee went most carefully into the question of expense. They would at least have to pay examiners, and for the use of rooms. They had obtained detailed information as to the fees paid to various examining bodies. The Nursing Profession was the only profession which obtained its training free and received a salary. He was aware that they rendered services which entitled them to some payment, but if nurses were going to have something worth having they would have to pay for it.

MR. STRATTON said that many nurses had not sat for the certificate of the Medico-Psychological Association because they could not afford to pay 7s. 6d.

MISS SPARSHOTT was of opinion that nurses could afford to pay the fees suggested if they made up their minds to do so. Members of the nursing profession must learn to pay for what they got. At first nurses looked at the fees; then they came to realise the advantages of registration and were prepared to pay.

MISS BARRATT said that, in connection with intermediate education, girls of 16 and 17 paid £2 12s. 6d. for the first examination and £3 for the second, if taken externally.

MISS BUSHBY considered the fees too low. She would like to see the Preliminary as well as the Final Examination fee, £3 3s. Her nurses would be willing to pay it.

MISS COX DAVIES did not think there would be the smallest difficulty from the nurses.

THE CHAIRMAN enquired whether the Council would like the recommendation referred back for further consideration.

MISS LLOYD STILL thought it would be rather a shock to the nurses, and was willing to have the recommendation referred back.

SIR JENNER VERRALL said on their own heads be it, the Council must realise they were taking their life in their own hands. Further investigation might result in the fee being raised, not lowered.

THE CHAIRMAN reminded the Council of its two main functions—the Registration and Examination of Nurses. It was only just that each should be self-supporting. The Examinations ought to be self-supporting.

MISS LLOYD STILL then asked leave, which was granted, to withdraw Recommendation 11 from the Report.

The Report was then approved as a whole.

4.—Report of the Mental Nursing Committee.

Dr. Bedford Pierce presented the Report.

I. REPORTED—That the Committee has met once, on April 4th, 1923.

II. *Recommendation (16).*

"That the Syllabus of Training and for Examination of Mental Nurses which is now submitted to the Council for approval be provisionally passed, be sent to the Scottish and Northern Ireland Councils for consultation, and on their agreement be forwarded to the Minister of Health for his approval."

III. REPORTED—That a conference was held on April 4th with representatives of the Board of Control Committee on Nursing Service, which was attended by Dr. C. Hubert Bond (*Chairman*), Dame Louise Gilbert Samuel, Mrs. How-Martyn, Mr. Ernest Sanger, Miss M. M. Thorburn, Dr. H. Wolseley-Lewis, Dr. G. F. Barham.

The principal subjects for discussion at the Conference were the conditions under which training schools for mental nurses should be recognised, and several other matters affecting the welfare of mental nurses.

It was decided to defer reporting to the Council until the Mental Nursing Committee had further considered the questions raised.

The Report was approved.

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